GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF AIR SPACE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to make air space management more flexible to facilitate ten to fifteen per cent expansion in the Indian air space;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether at present the air space is divided between civil and military operations;

(d) if so, the percentages of air space available to military organization and civilian aircrafts;

(e) whether the Civil Aviation and Indian Air Force authorities have discussed air safety measures; and

(f) if so, the outcome of the discussion?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. However, the flexible use of airspace is only to permit civil aircraft to use the airspace exclusively reserved for military purposes for optimum utilization of Indian airspace. It does not lead to expansion of the existing Indian airspace.

(c) and (d):- Yes, Sir. Airspace available to military and civil aircraft is 35% and 65% of the total of the Indian airspace respectively.

(e) & (f):- Discussion with Indian Air Force on air safety measures is a regular ongoing exercise.